

Application Addendum Effective November 1, 2011

As of November 1, 2011 all TANF recipients who are required to participate in work program activities will have the following penalties applied to their cash benefits if they fail to participate without good cause:

1st penalty: Your family's cash assistance will be closed for a minimum of 3 months.

2nd penalty: Your family's cash assistance will be closed for a minimum of 6 months.

3rd penalty: Your family's cash assistance will be closed for a minimum of 1 year.

4th and subsequent penalties: ***Your household will lose TANF eligibility in Kansas for a period of 10 years.***

Penalties for children in your family will not count against them if they become an adult cash recipient.

Effect on Cash Benefits: Your cash benefits will be closed for the amount of time indicated above.

To get your cash reopened, the penalized individual must complete the cure for the work program penalty by cooperating in an assigned work program activity for the amount of time indicated below:

- participate in work program activities for 2 consecutive weeks for a 1st penalty or
- participate in work program activities for 3 consecutive weeks for 2nd or 3rd penalties.

Effects on Food Assistance Benefits: A comparable penalty will be applied to the food assistance case *only against the person who failed to comply*. The remainder of the food assistance household can get benefits if otherwise eligible. If the person who failed to comply does not cooperate with the TANF work requirement, they will regain eligibility after the mandatory minimum penalty period ends.

As of November 1, 2011 all TANF or Child Care recipients who are required to cooperate with Child Support Enforcement may have the following penalties applied to their cash and child care benefits if they fail to cooperate with Child Support Enforcement without good cause:

Effects on your entire family's TANF and Child Care benefits when you do not cooperate with CSE:

1st penalty: Your family's cash and Child Care case will close for a minimum of three months.

2nd penalty: Your family's cash and Child Care case will be closed for a minimum of six months.

3rd penalty: Your family's cash and Child Care case will be closed for a minimum of one year.

4th and subsequent penalties: ***Your household will lose TANF and Child Care eligibility in Kansas for a period of 10 years.***

Effect on Cash and Child Care Benefits: Your cash and childcare benefits will be closed for the amount of time indicated above. *To complete the cure for a CSE penalty, the individual must cooperate with CSE. Cash and Child Care will not be reopened until cooperation with CSE is established.*

Cash Assistance: You may not use your cash benefits to purchase alcohol, tobacco or lottery tickets. The TANF time limit will change from 60 months to 48 months.

Child Care Assistance: If you are not receiving TANF (Cash Assistance), all adults included in your child care case must be employed a minimum 20 hours every week in order to receive child care assistance.